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Survey No. P.G. #62-7

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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham

and/or common Abraham Hall

## 2. Location

street & number 7612 Old Muirkirk Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Beltsville Muirkirk, Rossville 5  
vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham

street & number c/o William Jones, 6155 Odell Road telephone no.:

city, town Beltsville, state and zip code MD.

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber JWb #9

street & number Main Street folio 207

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD.

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### Summary Description

Abraham Hall is a two-story frame front-gabled building, with a small one-story gable-roof side wing, and a one-story addition to the rear. It was built in 1889 on a rural lot in the 1888 subdivision of Rossville. The main block is three bays by two bays. Entrance is in the central bay of the principal three-bay west gable end through panelled double doors. Siding of this principal gable end is German. Attached to the north facade, flush with the west gable front, is a small gable-roof kitchen wing.

An early twentieth century one-story rear addition extends the length of the building by one bay. All siding other than the west elevation is of plain horizontal board. Interior consists of one large room on each level, with a two-run enclosed staircase in the southwest corner. Surrounds of windows and doors have multiband molding with bullseye corner blocks, and walls are panelled below the chair rail with beaded wainscoting.

### Description

The Abraham Hall is a two-story frame front-gable structure, with a small side wing, and an addition to the rear. It stands on a rural lot on the old Muirkirk Road in the nineteenth century subdivision known as Rossville.

The main block of the building is 28 feet by 20 feet, two bays by three bays. The principal facade is the west gable end. Entrance is in the central bay of the three bay west gable front, through panelled double doors in a narrow molded surround. Each leaf of the door has five molded panels. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash, they have narrow molded surrounds with a narrow projecting lintel, and dark green louvered shutters. Siding is plain horizontal board, unpainted, on all facades except the west gable front, which is covered with German siding. The gable roof is covered with red asphalt shingle; in seriously deteriorating condition, it is undergoing repairs in 1986. The cornice is boxed with crown molding. A tall corbelled brick stove chimney rises from the north plane of the roof between the two bays. The building rests on a brick foundation; there is no basement.

Attached to the north facade, flush with the west gable front, is a small gable-roof kitchen room, circa 8 feet by 8 feet. A miniature replica of the main block, this small wing has roof ridge parallel to that of the main block. (The present gable roof of the wing is said to have replaced, in the 1940's, the formerly flat roof.) The German siding which covers the gable front of the main block extends across the gable front of the kitchen

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1888/1889 Builder/Architect John W. Jackson

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### Significance

Abraham Hall is the most outstanding example in Prince George's County of a late nineteenth century Lodge, or Benevolent Society building, for blacks. It was built in 1889 at the center of a newly developing community of freedmen who farmed and worked at the nearby Muirkirk Iron Furnace. The building was known as Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham, and membership in the organization assured emergency financial assistance to its black members. Throughout the century of its existence, it has served this function, as well as schoolhouse and Methodist meeting house after the destruction by fire of the first Queen's Chapel. It was the most substantial building in the 1888 subdivision of Rossville, and has remained the focal point of that community.

### History and Support

Abraham Hall is the earliest and most outstanding example in Prince George's County of a late nineteenth century Lodge, or Benevolent Society building, for blacks. The only other (known) surviving example, St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall in Upper Marlboro, is a one-story more modest example, probably constructed several years later than Abraham Hall.

Abraham Hall was built in 1889 at the center of Rossville, a new community of freedmen most of whom worked at nearby Muirkirk Iron Furnace. Twenty years earlier, local blacks had established a chapel a short distance to the west, on a 1/3 acre parcel of land deeded by William Minnix, a local white farmer. This log chapel, erected in 1868 on the south side of the old road to Muirkirk, was called Queen's Chapel, after Thomas Queen, one of the six founders. Queens Chapel became part of the Bladensburg Circuit of the Washington Conference of Methodist Churches; it was a religious and social center for the black farmers and laborers of the area.<sup>1</sup>

In 1886, the Equity Court of Prince George's County ordered the division and sale of the real estate of the late Mark Duvall of Vansville. A 24.8 acre parcel of Duvall's land adjoined Queen's Chapel on the east; this

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Notes, Item #8.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3.85

Tax Map 14, P. 52

Quadrangle name Laurel, Section D

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting	Northing							

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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wing. This small wing has only one window, identical to those of the main block, centered in its north facade. The wing rests on a brick foundation which appears to have been recently reconstructed.

At some time early in the twentieth century, the main block was extended one bay to the east by the construction of a one-story rear wing. Siding, roof and fenestration are the same as in the main block. The foundation, however, is of concrete which is scored to resemble stone. This foundation is badly deteriorated, and open in the rear (east), to a crawl-space under this east addition. There is a door into this addition on its south facade.

Interior of the main block consists of one large room on each story. Surrounds of windows and doors are of multiband molding with bullseye corner blocks. Below the chair-rail, the walls are panelled with beaded wainscoting. On the first story, the room is extended to include a raised stage as the rear (east) end. Differences in construction are apparent in the large first floor room; the floor boards are narrower in the east extension, as are the panels of beaded wainscoting. There is a two-run enclosed staircase in the southwest corner of the room. The staircase rises along the south wall to a landing, then turns 90 degrees and rises along the west wall (lighted by the windows in that gable end) to the second story. The staircase enclosure is panelled with wainscoting of alternating width, differing from that on the lower walls of the main block and rear extension.

The building stands on a 3.85 acre lot which backs on a wooded area and stream. There are no outbuildings.

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parcel was surveyed by William H. Latimer, and divided into 12 unequal lots along the north side of the Muirkirk road. Within a year, the twelve lots were purchased by the families of local blacks, most of whom were employed as laborers at the Muirkirk Iron Furnace.<sup>2</sup> By 1889 structures had been erected on all but one lot. Two of the new owner-residents, Thomas Matthews (lot #5) and (K)notley Johnson (lot #11) had been among the six founders of the Queen's Chapel. Another, Augustus Ross (lot #1), gave his name to the community.<sup>3</sup>

One of the buildings erected in 1888/89 (and the only one which was not a dwelling) was the Rebecca Lodge #6, a two-story frame structure built on the largest of the lots, i.e. the centrally located, 3.85-acre lot #9. This lot was purchased by the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham, a fraternal organization which provided emergency financial assistance to members. The Rebecca Lodge had been chartered in 1877, and its charter members were already members of Queen's Chapel. Through membership in Rebecca Lodge, members were assured financial assistance for emergencies, as well as death benefits, thus being provided a kind of insurance otherwise unavailable to blacks during this period.<sup>4</sup>

The lodge which was erected on lot #9 came to be known as "Abraham Hall." It was the largest and most substantial of the buildings erected in that first year: it was assessed in 1889 at a value of \$550, as compared with a range of \$100 to \$450 for the dwellings built in Rossville during the same year.<sup>5</sup> It was probably constructed by John W. Jackson, contractor and builder from Laurel, who is known to have been associated with at least two of the buildings in Rossville in that year. An article (entitled "Rossville") in The Advertiser, published in Laurel, 2 October 1889, gives evidence that Abraham Hall was considered an impressive building from the beginning: "a portion of the old Duvall estate ...has recently been subdivided and sold... to certain colored people residing in the vicinity of Muirkirk. The land is of excellent quality and the site very pleasant for residences. The Sons and Daughters of Abraham have purchased about five [sic] acres of land and have now about completed a very substantial two-story frame building, with ante-room and closets, to be used as a hall in which to hold the meetings of the society. New dwellings are now in course of erection, or have already been completed; for Mr. Ross, John Carter, Philip, Ezekiel and Thomas Williams, Carter Dickson, Notley Johnson, and Robert Taylor." In the same issue Mr. John W. Jackson, "Contractor and Builder, ...on "A" Street near Main, Laurel," is noted as having "two buildings under way at Rossville."<sup>6</sup>

Abraham Hall served not only as a meeting place of the Benevolent Society, but also as a place of worship after Queen's Chapel burned in the 1890's; it continued that function until the second Queen's Chapel, a small frame building, was completed in 1901. Abraham Hall also served as a schoolhouse before the construction of Muirkirk School circa 1922. The Hall was also the scene of many camp meetings for the congregations of Queen's Chapel and the two other churches of the Laurel Charge - St. Mark's and Mt. Zion.<sup>7</sup>

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Abraham Hall is a rare surviving example of the benevolent society halls established in black communities in the post Civil War era. It has for nearly a century been the focal point of a community built by and for blacks, and is an important reminder of local black society in the late nineteenth century.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Deed HB #1:130; Queen's Chapel United Methodist Church 116th Anniversary Book, 1984; pp. 12-19.

2 Prince George's County Equity #1588; Prince George's County Deeds JWB #9:60, 203, 204, 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, 439, 603; JWB #10:131, 133.

3 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1888-89; Prince George's County Deed HB #1:130; Queen's Chapel U.M. Church, op. cit. pp. 12-29; The Advertiser, 2 Oct. 1889.

4 Prince George's County Deed JWB #9:207; Queen's Chapel U.M. Church, op. cit., pp. 12-34.

5 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1889.

6 The Advertiser, 2 October 1889.

7 Conversations with Marsha Brown, Queen's Chapel historian, 1983-86; Queen's Chapel U.M. Church, op. cit., pp. 12-34.

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JWB#9:207

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23 May 1887

Beginning four perches on the twelfth line of the whole tract of twenty four and eighty eight hundredths acres and running with said road South thirty two degrees east sixteen perches, then with the fourth line of number eight reverse, North fifty two and one fourth degrees East forty five perches to second outline, then North seventy three degrees West two perches, then North sixty eight and one half degrees West fifteen and one half perches, then with lot number ten South fifty three and one fourth degrees west thirty four perches to the place of beginning, containing three and eighty five hundredths of an acre more or less. Being lot number nine described on the plat made by William J. Latimer and filed in the above cause.



# Easement

Circa 1888

P. G. #62-7  
Abraham Hall  
7612 Old Muirkirk Road, Beltsville, Md.  
Priv/Unocc/Meeting/Fair

Abraham Hall is a two-story, frame, gable-roofed building with entrance through paneled double doors in the center of the (main) west gable end. There is a flanking window on each side of this doorway, repeated on the second story. The floor plan is a single large room on both stories, but the first-story room is extended farther to the rear by the addition of a one-story section to the east. Attached to the west (front) end of the north facade is a small closet room, a miniature of the main block, one-story, gable-roofed, and with one window in its north facade.

In 1886, a 25-acre parcel of land adjoining the Negro Methodist Church (Queen's Chapel) and cemetery was subdivided into twelve lots which became the community of Rossville. The largest (3.5 acre) lot was purchased by the Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham. This was a benevolent society, whose members were assured financial assistance for emergencies, as well as death benefits, thus being provided a kind of insurance otherwise unavailable to Blacks during this period. The handsome and sturdy hall was erected in 1888, the largest and most substantial building in Rossville, and as early as 1897 was enlarged by the present one-story addition. Abraham Hall served as both church and school from the time Queen's Chapel was burned (ca. 1890) until it was rebuilt in 1901. The Hall was also the scene of camp meetings for the Methodist churches of the Laurel Charge. Abraham Hall is a rare surviving example of the benevolent society halls established in Black communities in the late nineteenth century.

Easement

P.G. #62-20 Survey No. P.G. #62-7

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city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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city, town Upper Marlboro \_\_\_\_\_ state Marylane

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title N O N E

date \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Abraham Hall is a two-story, frame, gable-roofed building with entrance through double doors in the (main) west gable end. Each leaf of the double door has five panels. There is a flanking window on each side of the door, and on the second story as well. The floor is a single large room on both stories, but the first story room is extended farther to the rear by the addition of a one-story section to the east. This extension allows for a small stage at the east end of the first floor room.

Attached to the west (front) end of the north facade is a small closet room, a miniature of the main block, one-story, gable-roofed, and with one window in its north facade.

Beaded wainscoting is applied all around the large room, below the chair rail. Architraves of windows have bulls-eye corner blocks. A staircase in the southwest corner rises to the second story.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

Specific dates 1888 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

After Mark Duvall of Vansville died, a 24.8 acre parcel of his land which adjoined the Negro Methodist church and graveyard was surveyed and subdivided in 1886 by Surveyor William Latimer. It was divided into 12 lots, and within a year the lots were purchased by the families of Blacks who were employed at the nearby Muirkirk Iron Furnace. Lot #9, at 3.85 acres, the largest of the 12 lots, was purchased in May 1887 by the Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham. This was a benevolent society, whose charter members were members of the already established Queen's Chapel; through membership in the Rebecca Lodge, members were assured financial assistance for emergencies, as well as death benefits, thus being provided a kind of insurance otherwise unavailable to Blacks during this period.

A handsome and sturdy building was erected in 1888 by members of the lodge; it was the largest and most substantial building in Rossville, being assessed at \$550 in 1889 (as compared with a range of \$100 to \$450 for the houses built in the same year). By 1897, the building had been enlarged, probably by the one-story addition to the rear (east) which increased the size of the main meeting room.

Abraham Hall also served as both church and school after Queen's Chapel was destroyed by fire circa 1890, until it was rebuilt in 1901. The Hall was also the scene of many camp meetings for the congregations of Queen's Chapel and the two other churches of the Laurel Charge, St. Mark's and Mt. Zion.

Abraham Hall is a rare surviving example of the benevolent society halls established in Black communities during the late nineteenth century. Although presently vacant and deteriorating, it is still a sturdy building and fully restorable.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #62-7

P.G. Co. Deed JWB #9:207  
P.G. Co. Equity #1588  
P.G. Co. Tax Assessments 1888 - 1909

## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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Easement

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Old Schoolhouse

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

7612 Muirkirk Road

CITY, TOWN

Muirkirk (Beltsville) — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☒ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☒ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES RESTRICTED  
☒ YES UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a small, one-story wooden building-now a private residence in a small, rural Negro community. Building type is similar to typical area one-room schools.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

1/30/73

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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# SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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 SPECIFIC DATES

 BUILDER/ARCHITECT
 

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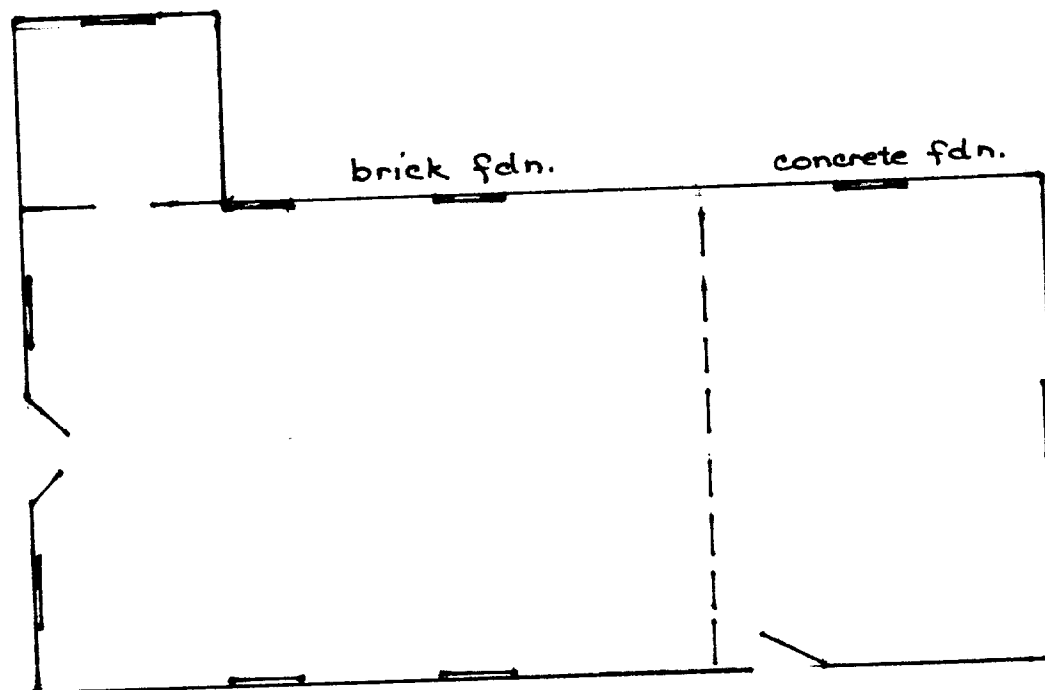
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
 

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Perhaps was once a one-room school. These lands belonged to Charles E. Coffin, owner of the nearby Muirkirk Iron Works, in 1878.

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P.G. #62-7

REBECCA LODGE -  
ABRAHAM HALL

ROSSVILLE, MUIRKIRK, MD.  
1888

sg pearl  
may 1983



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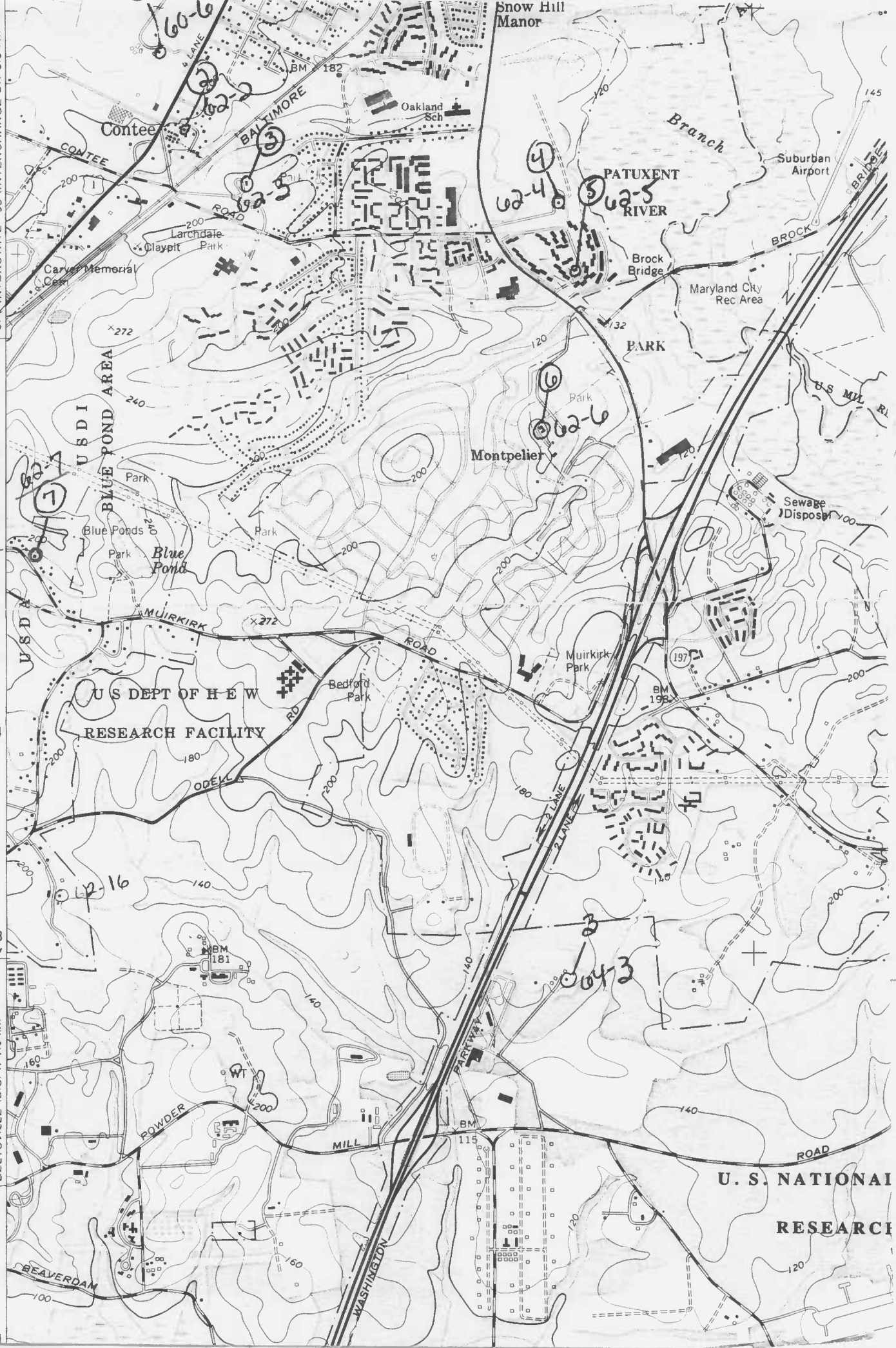
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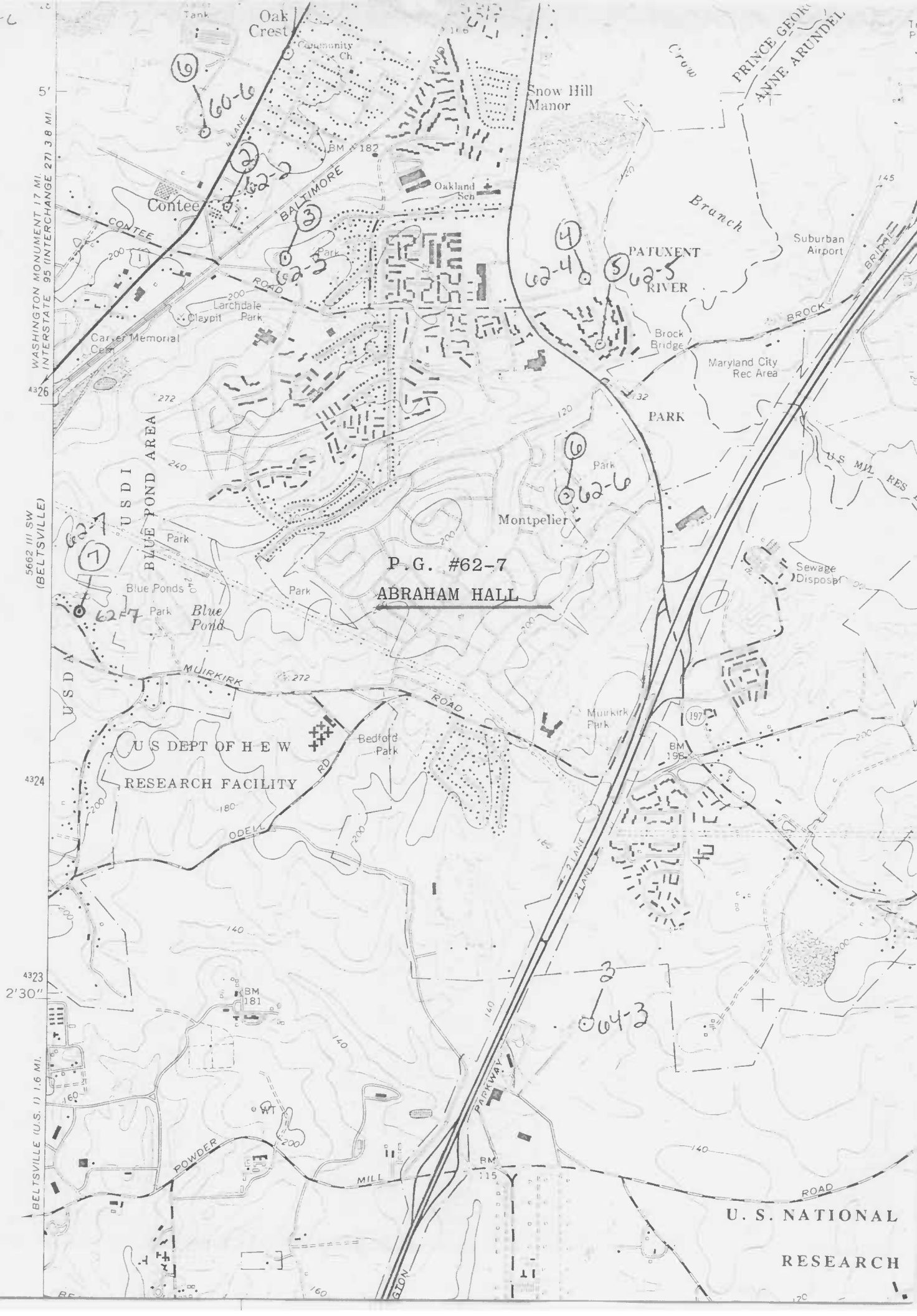
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2'30"



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LAUREL  
7.5'  
ROAD







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Abraham Hall

Prince George's County, Md.

Susan G. Pearl

May 1983

Northwest 3/4 Elevation

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Abraham Hall  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan G. Pearl  
January 1986  
Northeast 3/4 elevation  
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Abraham Hall  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan G. Pearl  
January 1986  
South elevation  
Neg. Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Abraham Hall  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan G. Pearl  
January 1986  
West Cornice detail  
Neg. Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD





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North foundation detail  
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